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UM CHAPTER OF PHI KAPPA PHI INITIATES TOP STUDENTS FROM STATE, NATION AND OVERSEAS

MISSOULA --

Phi Kappa Phi, a national honor society with a University of Montana chapter since 1993, recently initiated 79 top UM upper-division and graduate students from Montana, the nation and as far away as Hong Kong and Oslo, Norway.

Among the initiates were Gayle Bigham, a biology major from Columbia City, Ore.; Julie Harman, a sociology major from Hunt Valley, Md.; and Gavin Hudgeons, a geology major from Midland, Texas.

Other initiates and their majors were Stacy Johnson, education, Anderson, Md.; Katie Koster, interpersonal communication, Edina, Minn.; Maurice Loeffel, psychology and pre-medical science, Gary, Ill.; Alan Moore, journalism, Corvallis, Ore.; Leah Roy, drama, Moorehead, Minn.; Jeffrey Van Zant, wildlife biology, Panama City, Fla.; and Dana Whitelaw, anthropology, Eugene, Ore.

Two UM students from Alberta, Canada, were also initiated: Stephanie Farvolden, an economics major from Calgary; and Lesley Ross of Millarville, an interpersonal communication major.

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is open to undergraduate and graduate students by invitation only, based on academic standing. Initiates generally come from the top 10 percent of the senior class, but the society also admits graduate students and, occasionally, juniors in the top 5 percent of

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their class.

Phi Kappa Phi began in 1897 at the University of Maine. In 1900 it became a national society and now has more than 260 chapters in 49 states, the District of Columbia, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

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